

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 859

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of E. Edward Foland of Rockwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of E. Edward "Papa" Foland; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foland was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a true gentleman with a twinkle in his eyes, he was a man of integrity who embodied the best of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foland honorably served in the United States Army during World War II, heroically fighting in Africa, Italy, and France as a member of a field artillery unit; and

WHEREAS, after his service in the U.S. military, Mr. Foland was employed by the Bilbrey Furniture Company, offering the utmost probity and integrity to his employer for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, he also served the U.S. Treasury Department with tremendous acumen and alacrity for twenty-five years, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he was recognized with the highest commendation given to Treasury Department employees for his distinguished work in U.S. Savings Bonds; and

WHEREAS, a consummate public servant, he also dedicated his leadership abilities to the welfare of the citizens of Rockwood while serving as a city commissioner, school commissioner, fire department commissioner, and Roane County Court member; and

WHEREAS, committing his singular skills to the betterment of his community, Mr. Foland played an integral role in creating numerous opportunities for the citizens of Rockwood, including helping found the Rockwood Little League baseball program, and he was instrumental

in the building of the new Rockwood High School, and securing the bid for Roane Electric Furnace to be located in Rockwood; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community who always worked to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens, Mr. Foland was a member of several civic and community organizations, including the Rotary Club, the American Legion, the University of Tennessee Quarterback Club, and he was a past president of the Jaycees, which also honored him as Outstanding Man of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foland was an active and devout member of Rockwood United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-five years, Mr. Foland enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Mary Peavyhouse Foland, who predeceased him; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father of Sunny Meadows and her husband, Jerry; and

WHEREAS, Papa Foland will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren, Cathy Gibson and husband, James; and Scott Meadows and wife, Patty; and

WHEREAS, he will also be affectionately remembered by his great-grandchildren, Lindsey Isham and husband, J.R., Tyler Griffin, Rachel Fulmer, Alec Meadows, Drew Meadows, Raymond Meadows, and Megan Loop; and

WHEREAS, his honorable legacy will be remembered by his great-great-grandchildren, Griffin Isham and Caylor Loop, along with a host of nieces, nephews, family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ollie Foland; his siblings, Charlie Foland, Ada Foland, Johnnie Foland, Harold Foland, Wilker Foland, Madge Farmer, and Mildred Hickey, and his grandson, Derrick Patterson; and

WHEREAS, E. Edward Foland leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of E. Edward Foland, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of E. Edward Foland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.